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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WITH MINISTER GIUSEPPE JACOANGELI AND BENITO VOLPI OF MFA. JACOANGELI, WHO ATTENDED ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, IMMEDIATELY REMARKED THAT MEETING HAD TURNED OUT BETTER THAN EXPECTED BUT THAT REAL TEST WOULD BE FACED AT FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IN MAY.

2. JACOANGELI CHARACTERIZED AGREEMENT ON ROTATION OF CHAIRMANSHIP AS SOLID AND SPANISH REQUEST THAT RAPPOREUR'S REPORT EXPLICITLY MENTION ROTATION AGREEMENT AS USELESS AND ANNOYING TO CHAIRMAN JAZAIRY. JACOANGELI ALSO COMMENTED THAT JAZAIRI DID A GOOD JOB AS CHAIRMAN AND THAT  
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DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE WISE TO CONCEDE TO HIM CHAIRMANSHIP FOR FIRST YEAR AS HE HAD SERVED AS REASONABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEDIATOR BETWEEN G-77 AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. JACOANGELI NOTED THAT, IN VIEW OF JAZAIRI'S GOOD PERFORMANCE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MIGHT OPT TO POSTPONE ROTATION FOR A YEAR.

3. JACOANGELI BELIEVED THAT G-77 WILL NOT LIGHTLY DECIDE TO PRE-EMPT NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN OTHER FORUMS. HE SAID COREA AND OTHER UNCTAD OFFICIALS DO NOT LIKE PROSPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS BEING LIFTED OUT OF UNCTAD FORUMS AND HAD MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO G-77. MOREOVER, JACOANGELI BELIEVES G-77 REALIZES THERE MAY BE FEW ADVANTAGES IN RAISING A TECHNICAL NEGOTIATION UP TO VOERVIEW COMMITTEE SIMPLY TO GO OVER ISSUES IN POLITICAL TERMS AS G-77 CAN APPLY POLITICAL PRESSURES IN UN BODIES ANYWAY. HE ALSO BELIEVED UNDERSTANDING ON REACHING DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS WILL GENERALLY HOLD UP.

4. JACOANGELI APPEARS TO BE ESPECIALLY CONTENT WITH THE FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA FOR MAY MEETING AS IT WOULD PERMIT LAYING REALISTIC BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND OTHER TIEMS. HE NOTED THAT WHILE DEBT PROBLEM IS ON AGENDA FOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK IT COULD ALSO COME UP UNDER AGENDA ITEM 2 (TRANSFER OF RESOURCES) AT MAY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING.

5. DESPITE THEIR PLEASURE AT RELATIVE SUCCESS OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND RESTRAINT SHOWN THERE JACOANGELI AND VOLPI FELT THAT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE LIKELY WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDIVIDUAL ISSUES AND NEGOTIATIONS. THEY BELIEVED THE COMMITTEE IS ESPECIALLY LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE COMMON FUND ISSUE IF PROGRESS IS NOT FORTHCOMING EITHER ON THE NUMBER OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS IN EXISTENCE OR IN GROUP B POSITIONS ON FINANCING OF A COMMON FUND. THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE MIGHT BE USED BY G-77 TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM IF CONCESSIONS ON DEBT RELIEF ARE MADE.

6. WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED POSSIBILITIES FOR WRITTEN STATEMENTS, JACOANGELI GAVE NO INDICATION THAT GOI WILL SUBMIT CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER ANY OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY COMMITTEE MEETING. HOLMES

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